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### DTSC Certifies Galilee Harbor Site in Sausalito

Berkeley - - The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today certified the completion of a hazardous substances cleanup at the Galilee Harbor site located at 300 Napa Street in Sausalito. The certification allows for recreational, commercial and industrial land uses of the harbor and upland areas of the site.

"We are pleased to complete a site cleanup that is not only protective of human health and the environment, but also enhances recreational areas in the Sausalito community by expanding use of the harbor," said DTSC Director Ed Lowry.

Since the early 1880s, the Galilee Harbor site had been used for maritime purposes such as ship building and repair operations. In 1980 all structures on the site were demolished and the property was vacated. In 1998 the Galilee Harbor Community Association entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with DTSC to perform environmental cleanup activities at the site.

Site investigation revealed that the soil was contaminated with metals such as lead, arsenic, mercury, and copper, as well as polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), tributyl tin oxide (TBTO), petroleum, and motor oil.

As part of the cleanup project, 15 tons of debris were removed and disposed offsite. Additionally, a multi-layer cover was placed over the contaminated soils. For the upland area, an asphalt parking lot covers the contaminated soil. For the rest of the site, a synthetic liner covered with clean soil was installed. Deed restrictions were placed upon the entire Galilee Harbor site to limit land use to recreational, commercial, and industrial purposes. Improvements to the site include a new boat launch ramp, new walkways on the harbor, new grassy areas that can be used for recreation and marsh areas which will be covered by natural vegetation.

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